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Melk

1. On 20 May 1955, 2 x 122-mm M-38 field howitzers, 2 trucks, 3 van-like trucks and 3 jeep were observed at the Birago Kaserne in Melk. Sentries seen at the installation and on the watch towers wore red-bordered black epaulets. An officer and 28 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets marched from the installation toward the Danube River meadows. The soldiers were equipped with carbines and carried practice targets. Two majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, Soviet civilians, trucks and jeep were seen at the Birago Kaserne. The vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Jeep driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets came from the direction of St. Poelten and was parked in front of the kaserne for about 30 minutes. troop contingents from Melk moved to the Doellersheim troop training grounds. 1

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Gaming

2. On 17 May, about 20 soldiers practiced with 2 x 76-mm field guns at the former monastery in Gaming. Vehicles observed included truck C 6-70-98 driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets, 3 trucks and 2 van-like trucks. Dependents were seen leaving the installation for shopping in Gaming. Jeep bearing the inscription komendatura arrived from the direction of Scheibb and left toward Scheibb after about one hour. The vehicle was occupied by the driver, a lieutenant colonel and two majors who wore black-bordered red epaulets. 2

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1. Comment. Other reports also indicate that elements of the 233d Gds Gun Arty Regt of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Melk moved to the Doellersheim troop training grounds.
2. Comment. Elements of a battalion of the 290th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div are stationed in Gamlang. An observation of 76-mm field guns in Gamlang is reported for the first time.

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